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Draft decision on the appointment of the Auditor for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea for the financial year 2004

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1. The thirteenth Meeting of States Parties adopted the Financial Regulations of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, regulation 12.1 of which provides as follows:

> The Meeting of States Parties shall appoint an Auditor, which may be an internationally recognized firm of auditors or an Auditor General or an official of a State Party with an equivalent title. The Auditor shall be appointed for a period of four years and its appointment may be renewed. The Tribunal may make proposals regarding the appointment of the Auditor.

2. Pursuant to regulation 14.1, the Regulations shall become effective on 1 January 2004 and shall apply to the financial period 2005-2006 and to subsequent financial periods. In this regard, the Meeting of States Parties will appoint the Auditor to review the accounts of the International Tribunal for a period of four years.

3. Pending the appointment of the Auditor by the Meeting of States Parties, it is proposed that the International Tribunal appoint a recognized firm of auditors to examine the financial statements of the International Tribunal for the year 2004.

4. Attached is a draft decision for consideration by the Meeting of States Parties.

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

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Decides that the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea shall appoint an internationally recognized firm of auditors to examine the financial statements of the International Tribunal for the financial year 2004.